

dynamically assigned network protocol address, such as an Internet Protocol address having the form XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX. As such, the telephone number of the source is optional and is not the central focus of the information profile, and, therefore, the identification technique. The communication system disclosed in Oberlander is a circuit switched system with many of the disclosed recipient destinations residing at circuit switched terminating devices (e.g. PSTN telephone numbers). The use of a circuit switched network inherently limits the quantity and nature of the data transmitted with the message descriptor 300. Conversely, the recipient destinations in the subject application reside at network protocol addresses over a packet-switched network, e.g. Internet protocol addresses, which may be dynamically assigned. The use of packet switched technology allows for greater flexibility in the amount of data transmitted to identify the incoming communication. In addition, with the packetized data transmission protocol of Applicants' invention, addresses of recipient destinations may be dynamically assigned and are updated in a directory database by the recipient processes themselves.

To further highlight the above-described aspect of the invention, the claims have been amended. Specifically, claim 1 now recites a method for use in a "packet-switched computer network having a plurality of telephony processes connected thereto" (claim 1, lines 1-2). Claim 1 has further been amended to recite the step "receiving a call packet containing an information profile identifying the telephony process which is the source of an incoming communication" (claim 1, lines 4-7). In addition, claim 1 has been amended to indicate the nature of the information contained in the information profile. These amendments to claim 1 are believed to clearly address the comments of the Examiner set forth in Section 6 of Paper No. 18. Specifically, the Oberlander reference now does not disclose some or all of the claimed information profile. In addition, the features of the Applicants' invention on which Applicants' arguments were previously based are now included within the amended claims. For the reasons set forth above, Applicants believe that claim 1 and its subsequent dependent claims are allowable over the art of record.

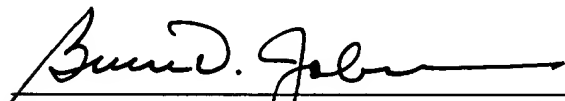
Claims 12, 23 and 31 have been amended similar to claim 1 and are likewise believed to address the Examiner's comments on the last response in the same manner (claim 12, lines 1-3 and 6-10; claim 23, lines 2-7; claim 31, lines 1-2 and 4-8).

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1, 12, 23 and 31 and their respective dependent claims now patentably distinguish over Oberlander and Blonder, whether considered singularly, in combination with each other, or with any other references of record.

In light of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the subject matter of claims 1-31 is neither disclosed nor suggested by either Oberlander or Blonder whether considered singularly or in combination with any reference of record or in light of any Official Notices taken by the Examiner.

This application is now believed in condition for allowance and a notice to the effect is solicited earnestly. If the Examiner has any further questions regarding this amendment, he is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any balances under 37 CFR §1.17, and 1.16 to Deposit Account No. 02-3038.

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